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TEN CENTS A WEEK

EXPLOSION OF BOMB CREATES EXCITEMENT

While Crowd Was Following
Wagons Report Came.

ALLEGED CULPRIT IS ARRESTED

The Strike Situation in Chicago Has Reached an Acute Stage—Rioting Continues Despite Federal Court Injunctions and Heavy Guards.

Chicago, May 8.—Suspected of throwing a bomb under an Adams Express wagon, Julius Hildebrand, is under arrest, charged with deadly assault. He is also accused of violating injunctions of the United States circuit court. The alleged bomb throwing took place last night at DesPlanes and VanBuren streets.

The scene of the explosion was half a dozen squares due south of Haymarket, where the celebrated bomb throwing of the anarchists took place 19 years ago almost to a day. When last night's explosion occurred a number of policemen were guarding the express wagons which were enroute from the United States express company's station at DesPlanes and Chicago, and Milwaukee and St. Paul tracks. The wagon was being escorted through the streets amid riotous scenes. Many times the police had been forced to use clubs and threatened persons who followed and threw stones, sticks, pieces of coal and bottles a few nonunion drivers.

On both sides of the wagon were copies of the injunction issued to seven express companies by Judge C. C. Kohisaat of the United States circuit court for bidding all interference with the business of the express companies. At times the police pointed to the injunctions and warned persons in the crowd against violating the injunction and incurring danger of being held for contempt of the federal court. The action had a good effect on the crowd which generally ceased for the time the throwing of missiles, but continued to follow the wagon.

At VanBuren and DesPlanes streets a street car blocked progress of the wagon.

The police cleared the obstruction only to be encountered by a crowd of 1,000 persons, which rapidly swelled to 2,500 or more. All traffic at the corner was stopped, the police meanwhile vainly endeavoring to disperse the crowd.

Soon persons living in the buildings in the vicinity began to throw missiles. The crowd followed suit and in a short time the air was filled with pieces of crockery, old coal shovels, oil cans and even dishes. The police did their utmost to stop the rioting but were overwhelmed.

Suddenly while the rioting was at its fiercest and the crowd kept pressing closer to the wagons, a deafening sound was heard, and a flash was seen under the express wagon. Smoke poured from under the vehicle and the crowd fell back.

"Bomb!" "Bomb!" "Run for your life!" was the cry that was taken up by the crowd.

A riot call from DesPlanes street station was answered by a wagon load of patrolmen to the scene and an immediate transformation from the fighting, swearing mob of a minute before and now "quiet, subdued and much diminished crowd" that pressed toward the express wagon.

A general search was made for the persons who threw the deadly supposed bomb, members of the crowd assisting. Many detectives were scattered about and soon Hildebrand was arrested. Later two men named James Rogers and Henry Pfeiffer were arrested.

Examination of the express wagon at the company's stables shows it was but slightly damaged.

Police Inspector Wheeler denied to day that it was a genuine case of bomb throwing. He especially threw doubts on statements that there had been an explosion and maintained that what was thrown was not dynamite.

The driver of the United States Express company's wagon, John Sorner, unlike Inspector Wheeler, entertains no doubt that there was an explosion. Sorner, whose clothing was covered with a pungent blue-colored acid, says:

"Whatever it was I have a big mark as a result on my leg. There was a loud report, and I believed a bomb had been thrown. The prisoner Hildebrand is a letter carrier."

No More Negroes Employed.

Sheriff Thomas E. Barrett today, after making a tour of the shopping district, said:

"The serious trouble seems to be over. The strike situation is now well in the hands of the authorities, and I look for a continuation of comparative quiet and tranquility. I am glad that the employers have decided not to engage any more negroes. When I was brought into this matter for conference I unhesitatingly informed the merchants that the use of negroes for strike breakers was causing more rioting than any other factor in the fight to win from the unions."

GETS \$380,000 FROM UNCLE SAM

Vanderbilt Wins Suit Against Government Over Income Tax.

Washington, May 8.—The commissioner of internal revenue has approved a claim against the government for \$380,000 in behalf of William K. Vanderbilt and others as executors of the estate of Cornelius Vanderbilt who died in New York in 1893 leaving a will and a personal estate valued at \$19,000,000.

The will provided that certain interests should be held in trust for the benefit of Alfred G. Vanderbilt, who was to receive half the estate when he became 30 years of age and the remainder when he reached 35. The right of Alfred G. Vanderbilt was appraised at \$119,612.

The commissioner of internal revenue ruled that the entire interest should be assessed as a vested estate and that legacy tax should be paid. The executors paid to the internal revenue bureau \$111,681 under protest and took the case to the United States courts, which recently decided that the executors were right, and gave judgment for \$380,000.

FRENCH MINISTER WILL RESIGN

Differences Between Premier Rouvier and Delcasse Cause Retirement.

Paris, May 8.—Owing to the recent reports that M. Delcasse intends to resign as a result of the differences with Premier Rouvier over Foreign affairs, the foreign office today made a specific statement to the effect that the best relations exist between M. Rouvier and M. Delcasse, and that the latter has not any present purpose of retiring. This was called out by a rather sensational and explicit assertion in the Figaro as follows:

"Owing to disagreements between the premier and minister of foreign affairs the latter's resignation is expected soon. M. Rouvier desiring to take an active part in the conduct of foreign affairs has not received the co-operation of M. Delcasse in learning the status of past negotiations nor the character of future negotiations if M. Delcasse's resignation occurs.

M. Rouvier will call as his successor a functionary having a distinguished career for whom he holds the highest personal esteem."

Well Known Actress Sprains Ankle.

New York, May 8.—Mrs. Leslie Carter, the actress, is confined to her apartment, reports say, because of a severely sprained ankle. The Belasco theater where she has been playing has been closed.

Mrs. Carter was stepping from her carriage when the horses started and she fell to the sidewalk. She probably will not be able to appear again for some time. Three tendons of the left ankle are said to be badly wrenches.

Dynamite Explodes in New York.

New York, May 8.—The explosion of a one-pound box of dynamite in an excavation on Wendorff avenue, the Bronx, has wrecked five flat houses adjoining and injured half a score of persons. One woman, Mrs. George W. Webster, it is said, may die.

DESPONDENT WOMAN COMMITTED SUICIDE

Upbraids Man In Letter Before
She Ended Her Life.

RESIDED AT THE FINEST HOTEL

Apparently the Couple Was Happy and
the Woman's Tragic Death Revealed
Her Secret—Former Home in City
of New Orleans.

New York, May 8.—A handsome woman about 28 years old, who was supposed to be Mrs. J. W. Gray, of New Orleans, attempted to commit suicide early today in a room at the Hotel Imperial by shooting. She was found in an unconscious and extremely serious condition, and was removed to a hospital. The surgeons there say there is but little chance for recovery. Accompanied by a man a few years her senior, the woman appeared at the Imperial April 29. The couple registered as J. W. Gray and wife, New Orleans.

The woman died at the hospital without recovering consciousness.

None of the employees of the hotel remember to have seen Gray during the night, and he could not be found around the hotel at the time of the shooting. The suite occupied by the Grays was the finest on the Broadway side of the hotel.

The woman left four letters, one of these was sealed, addressed to Chas. H. Stoneham, 44 Broadway. On the back of it was written:

"I wish that no one would open this but the person addressed."

A second sealed letter was addressed to a storage warehouse, this city.

The third letter was unenclosed, and written on two sheets of paper. It appeared that one portion had been written yesterday afternoon and the other sheet early today before the woman shot herself. The letter began: "Dear Sweetheart. When I called you up on the telephone you talked so cruelly to me that I went out and bought a revolver intending to do it then. I was brought up in a convent and my religion teaches against such things but I can't stand it any longer."

Here there was a break in the letter and when it was continued it was in a different ink. "Again and again you have disappointed me. Charley. What in God's name have I done? You were anxious to get rid of me that were easy. Why did you have me to come to New York? Here I am as your wife. If you had said 'Ollie, I do not want you to return, I would never have done so.' Well Charley, this is the last. I wish you all the luck in the world."

Here the writer seemed to have paused again, and no more seems to have been written for awhile. She resumed:

"How I am suffering! I cannot stand it any longer. It is now past 4 o'clock."

A fourth letter left by the woman was found which was addressed to "Charles Sweetheart" and read as follows:

"I love you better than my life. I love you so much, and to think I have to go and leave you. I hate so to die. What little I have after my bills are paid I wish to be sent to Olivia Parker, 1923, St. Andrews street, New Orleans. I have a lot of furniture I had shipped from New Orleans. I wish also that returned to New Orleans to Olivia Parker, a negro girl I have no relatives."

This letter was signed "Mrs. Gray." A bundle of letters addressed to Mrs. J. W. Gray at various places were found when the woman's effects were searched. On the back of two photographs found among her letters was written the name "Charlie H. Stoneham," the same as on the letters left by the woman.

At the offices of O. F. Jonasson & Co., mining brokers at 44 Broadway it was said that Charles H. Stoneham was a member of the firm. A member of the firm said that Stoneham was married and lived in Jersey City.

Woman Known in Boston.

Boston, May 8.—From Miss H. Stone, at No. 68 Humboldt avenue this city, it was learned that the Hotel Imperial suicide was Mrs. J. W. Gray of Chicago, widow of a former broker of that city. Before her marriage to Mr. Gray about two years ago, she lived in New Orleans, where a brother and sister still live. Miss Stone was an intimate friend of Mrs. Gray for many years. Miss Stone said that Mrs. Gray was 36 years of age and wealthy.

Well Known in New Orleans.

New Orleans, May 8.—Miss Olive Parker of 1923 St. Andrew street said that she had known Mrs. Gray most of her life. She refused, however, to disclose the maiden name of the deceased. She said that Mrs. Gray was reared in the Ursulines convent in this city. She left her 15 or 20 years ago, and married J. W. Gray a Chicago broker. She had since then been a frequent visitor to this city and was wealthy and the possessor of much magnificent jewelry.

AN OLD LETTER DISCOVERED.

It Seems To Be a Genuine Autograph Letter of Geo. Washington.

Fort Worth, Tex., May 8.—A special to The Record from Sherman, Tex., says: "What seems to be a genuine autograph letter from the pen of Geo. Washington, has mysteriously made its appearance in the office of District Clerk J. L. Aston, among legal papers. No one could lay claim to the mystic document, and all were entirely mystified by the find."

"Though yellowed with age, the letter is wonderfully well preserved. It is dated from Mt. Vernon, March 6, 1775, and addressed to Mr. M. C. Washington, near Woods, in King George, and appears to be in reply to a letter for a loan of 200 pounds sterling. The writer says he is in need of and would gladly borrow that sum himself."

Florida Senator Sues Newspaper.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 8.—Former State Senator C. N. Brown, of Marion county, today filed notice of suit for \$25,000 damages against the Metropolis, an afternoon paper in Jacksonville. Basis of the suit was from charges made by that paper that the senator accepted and rode on railroads. Under Florida law it is a crime for senators or representatives to accept or ride on free passes and a charge of same is equivalent to a charge of crime. The declaration in the suit will be filed in June. Senator Brown was recently unseated in the senate by contest of Baskins, of Marion.

Youth Killed by Elevator.

Atlanta, May 8.—With his neck locked securely between the heavy weights of an elevator and the inside railing of the shaft, Scott Swanton, a boy 18 years of age, had his neck broken about 6:45 o'clock Friday evening at the Johnson-Johnson-Dubose company's store on Whitehall street. Young Swanton was an elevator boy in the building. He was on the first floor after the store had closed, trying to fix a button on the inside railing of the elevator shaft at the time of the fatal accident.

Lightning Kills Aged Woman.

Valdosta, Ga., May 8.—Mrs. Adeline Hicks, an aged widow living near Melrose in Elberta County, was instantly killed by lightning. She was in her home at about 1 o'clock, when a heavy storm came up, and she started to a window to close it. As she reached the window a bolt of lightning struck the house and passed through her body, hurling her to the floor. She never spoke after the flash came, and was dead when members of the family reached her side.

Steamship Struck by Ice Floe.

St. Johns, N. F., May 8.—The Allan line steamer Victoria Liverpool for Montreal with 1,650 passengers struck an ice floe on one mile off Cape Ray at the entrance of gulf of St. Lawrence. She is unable to proceed further, the ice being packed across the narrows. The Purser who came ashore reported that all on board were well.

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS

BURN SMALL CRAFTS

They Capture Small Sailing Vessels and Destroy Them.

JAPS WATCHING ROJESTVENSKY

They Believe the Burning of the Small Vessels a Trick to Distract Their Attention from Main Squadron—Alleged Spy Is Imprisoned.

Tokio, May 8.—Noon—As none has been sighted it is believed the larger vessels of the Vladivostok squadron accompanied the torpedo boats which appeared west of Hokkaido yesterday. It is doubted that the torpedo boats would venture across unescorted in the heavy sea which was running when they burned the sailing vessels. All the crew of this vessel except the captain, who was captured, succeeded in landing, but a steamer dispatched to the rescue of the burning derelict was forced to return on account of the storm. The Russians poured kerosene on the decks of the sailing vessels and then withdrew after having ignited the surface of the oil. The torpedo boats have not been reported today.

Russian Ships Destroy Small Vessels.

Tokio, May 8.—Four Russian torpedo boats from Vladivostok appeared westward of Hokkaido, off Sutsu, yesterday. It is doubted that the torpedo boats would venture across unescorted in the heavy sea which was running when they burned the sailing vessels. All the crew of this vessel and imprisoned the captain, disappearing to the northwest. They were evidently returning to Vladivostok. There is a possibility that they have destroyed other small craft, although no reports to that effect have been received.

The object of their visit is not clear.

It is thought that probably they hoped to torpedo the Japanese patrol at night and it is also suggested that the Vladivostok vessels plan a diversion to assist the fleet of Admiral Rojstvensky.

Alleged Russian Spy Imprisoned. Singapore Straits Settlements, May 8.—Vladimir Antonovitch, the alleged Russian spy, who carried a passport made out in another name and who was arrested on the fortified island of Brani, and arraigned in Singapore, April 25, on the charge of being on government property without authority, was sentenced to three months imprisonment for trespassing and was fined for being in possession of sketching materials in a fortified place. Antonovitch has given notice of an appeal.

Ready for Big Battle.

Fenghush Shensi, Manchuria, May 8.—Field Marshal Oyama seems ready to assume the offensive on a large scale and activity already has begun against General Linerlitch's left. This may be the prelude to another general battle. The Japanese have been concentrated and heavy columns on the Liao river and their momentarily advance divisions have been in contact with the Russians who are holding the main road from Fukamatsu to Bachieschen.

On Thursday the Japanese cavalry suddenly attacked the Cossacks in overwhelming force, forcing the latter to retire. Then, supported by infantry, the Japanese advanced and drove the Russian infantry out of the village of Paizatoun. A Russian reconnoitering party 20 miles further west ran into an ambush and all the party except five were killed.

Anarchist Returned to Italy.

New York, May 8.—Vittorio Jaffet, an Italian anarchist, who was recently arrested charged with being an accomplice of Broccolo, who killed King Humbert, has started in custody for Italy, according to a Herald dispatch from Alexandria, Egypt. Jaffet was previously in Zanzibar, where he professed to have become a Moslem. He was tried once but not convicted. The Italian government then ordered him deported.